

FISCAL NOTE

SB 998 - HB 1529

February 14, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that right to compensation and other benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law will be barred unless notice is filed with the Division of Claims Administration within one year after the accident. Requires state employees to use the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Benefit Review Conference process before filing a claim with the Division of Claims Administration.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant/Risk Management Fund
Decrease State Revenues – Not Significant/Risk Management Fund

Assumptions:

- Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Claims estimates that 150 workers' compensation disputes will go through the Benefit Review Conference process.
- No significant decrease in payment of workers' compensation claims from failure to meet new filing requirement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director